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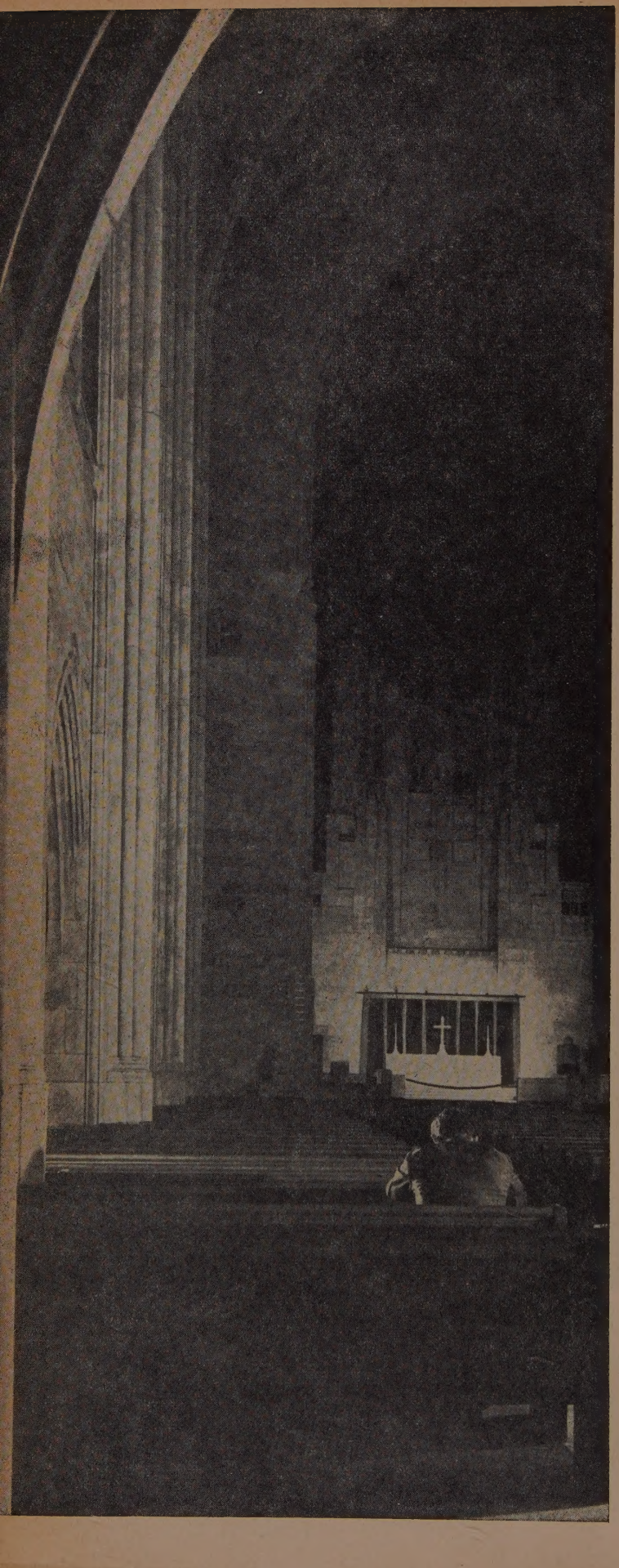

COME YE TO THE WATERS

A call falls clearly on my heart.
"Ho, everyone that thirsteth,
Come ye to the waters . . .
And your soul shall live."
I follow the call, and I find myself in company with a vast congregation of believers.
We have found our way to the Church of God.
We seek the refreshing waters that flow from His presence.
Great songs of praise go forth to Him who is Creator of us all,
Thanksgiving for the gifts He gives in fullest measure,
Gratefulness for mercy and for goodness.
And I hear a multitude of voices and my own voice say,
"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

"Come ye to the waters . . . Come ye.
For God will abundantly pardon."
The call rings forth again.
And now it leads to Calvary and a Cross.
We who follow see the Son of God dying for our sins.
And the waters that flow from His presence are the waters of forgiveness and pardon.
We kneel before Him.
And I hear a multitude of voices and my own voice s
"I believe in God . . . And in Jesus Christ, His on
Son, our Lord."

The call again.
"Come ye to the waters . . .
And ye shall go out with joy,
And be led forth with peace."
The call that led us to the temple bids us go out into the world . . .
To preach the Gospel to all men,
To heal the sick of body and of soul,
To give forth mercy, comfort, and forgiveness.
The waters that flow from the presence of Him who with us always, bring healing.
Deeply we drink, and then go out with joy.
And I hear a multitude of voices and my own voice
"I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness sins; the resurrection of the body; and the Life lasting. Amen."

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The Publishers Are Busy

Among those who have been especially busy preparing for the LWF Assembly this summer are Lutheran publishers.

The official study documents are "Christ Frees and Unites," distributed to pastors, and a companion volume, "Liberty and Unity in Christ," prepared especially for laymen.

Three LWF-sponsored volumes include two published by Augsburg Publishing House. The first: "Lutheran Churches of the World," written by seven prominent leaders of the Lutheran Church, describes the Church as it was and as it is in the various parts of the world. "As Between Brothers" by Dr. Richard Solberg will be available August 1. This book, the story of "Lutheran response to world need," is the dramatic account of inter-Lutheran ventures in the past 40 years.

A third LWF-sponsored book, "The Unity of the Church," written by 11 Lutheran churchmen from 6 countries, will be published August 1 by Augustana Press. The 14 chapters in this book deal with the Lutheran Church as it expresses itself in its life and work as related to the ecumenical movement.

For use at the Assembly and afterward, a German publisher has revised the hymnal used at the Hannover Assembly entitled, "Laudamus." Words of hymns are printed in three languages: Scandinavian, German, and English.

Five books are being published by Muhlenberg Press by August 15. The first is on the theme of the assembly, "Christ Frees and Unites" written by Dr. Martin Heinecken. Another is a new book by Bishop Hanns Lilje, president of the LWF. It is a study of Revelation, entitled "The Last Book of the Bible." Muhlenberg is also publishing a three-volume work on Christian Ethics written by 14 Lutheran scholars entitled "Christian Social Responsibility."

These books as well as hundreds of others of significance to the Church today will be available at the Assembly bookstore.

Three Reasons

Carl E. Lund-

So many questions have been asked regarding the reason for this Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation. Why call together so many delegates and official visitors? Why spend so much money in travel and other costs on a meeting when there are so many other desperate needs? These are honest questions which deserve honest answers. Let me give only three:

To conduct our business and plan our program. The simple fact is that any organization periodically needs to examine its record and to authorize further work. In the case of the LWF this happens to come every five years. Since the highest authority for the LWF is an assembly of officially elected delegates we will be electing officers and members of the Executive Committee, we will be hearing reports on activities of the five-year period just past and authorizing plans for programs in the time ahead. In a rapidly changing society we will need to think clearly and plan carefully how we can best serve one another.

To discover ourselves. By this phrase is meant the nature of our unity as Lutheran Churches. Set against the background of centuries of church history we have had only a few decades—actually only one as a federation—to explore what we are and what we have in common. After centuries of isolation it is not surprising that it will take some time and effort to learn to know each other and to articulate our common faith. Th sembly is only one step in that direction. This i first time in our very short federation history th have used a theme which goes to the heart of our unity. We may find our differences greater tha realized and wider than can be solved through a f tion. Thus delegates have a heavy responsibility bo adequately representing the churches on these que and also in trying to help one another in giving an

To contribute to ecumenicity. Our Lutheran Chu committed to Christian unity. This should nev forgotten or neglected. Broadly speaking we ar committed to this by being true to our understa and teaching based on Holy Scripture and our c sions of faith. Accepting these two basic commit we must study and discuss "Christ Frees and U in the light of how seriously we accept our respons toward the ecumenical movement. In one sense t our basic reason for existence as a confessional ment. When we take the command of Christ ser we must pray, we must strive and we must wo the unity of the Church. This task is urgent and pelling. Our Study Document, the lectures at th sembly, our discussion groups and our final con are all devoted to this task.

Welcome to the Assembly! Pray for it!

PLENARY SESSIONS

ou are one of thousands sitting in the balcony of Minneapolis Auditorium. The main floor below you covered with tables at which sit the 800 delegates official visitors, each wearing a set of earphones. A resentative of one of the departments of the LWF ins to speak—in German.

n three booths at the side of the auditorium, the rpreters go into action. The German-to-English in- preter pushes a button and starts translating into nicrophone. His interpretation goes to all English- aking delegates and official visitors, and over the A. system to the balcony. The German-to-Scandina- n interpreter pushes a button and his translation goes all Scandinavians on the floor. (He might be speak- Norwegian or Swedish or Danish. It is assumed that Scandinavians will be able to understand all three.) e German interpreter just relaxes.

But there are a few delegates who know none of se languages. They have their own interpreters, who beside them and translate into Baya, Malagasy, or at-have-you.

This is the system that is used at the U. N.—and se of you who have sat in on one of those sessions ow that it is a fascinating thing to watch.

st what are these "Plenary Sessions"? They are the orful business sessions of the Assembly, held at 0 A.M. each day. During these sessions, some of the est men in the Lutheran Churches of the world will sent lectures on sub-topics of the theme, "Christ es and Unites." The departments of the LWF will ort on their work during the five years since the Assembly, and the Assembly will take action formu- ng the lines of work for the next five years.

The entire balcony of the auditorium will be available visitors, and you can get your tickets by writing to LWF Assembly office, Lutheran Brotherhood Build- , 7th St. and 2nd Ave., Minneapolis. Tickets are 00 each, or $9.00 for the whole series. Be sure to cify for which days you desire tickets.

HEDULE FOR THE PLENARY SESSIONS

day, August 16, Plenary No. 1

President's Message—Bishop Lilje (Germany)
Report of the Executive Committee—Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary (USA)
(Recess until 2:30 P.M.)
Lecture: "The Freedom We Have in Christ" by Dr. Chitose Kishi, president of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Saturday, August 17, Plenary No. 2

Report, Department of Theology: Professor Dr. Regin Prenter (Denmark), Dr. Vilmos Vajta (Hungarian refugee, now Swedish citizen)
Lecture: "The Unity of the Church in Christ" by Dr. Hans-Werner Gensicken, professor at Gurukul, Theological College, Madras, India.

Monday, August 19, Plenary No. 3

Report, Department of World Mission: Dr. F. Birkeli (Norway), Dr. F. A. Schiotz (USA)
Lecture: "The Freedom to Reform the Church" by Bishop Bo Giertz, Gothenburg, Sweden, honorary chaplain to the King.

Tuesday, August 20, Plenary No. 4

Report, Department of World Service: Dr. Paul C. Empie (USA), Pastor Bengt Hoffman (Sweden)
Lecture: "Free for Service in the World" by Dr. Edgar Carlson, president of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

Wednesday, August 21, Plenary No. 5

Report, Department of Information: Bishop Lilje, Dr. Hans Bolewski (Germany)
Lecture: "Free and United in Hope" by Bishop Friedrich Wilhelm Krummacher of Pomerania, East Germany.

Thursday, August 22, Plenary No. 6

Election of president and executive committee
Report, Committee on Latin America: Pastor Daniel Cederberg (Sweden), Dr. Stewart W. Herman (USA)
Report on Encyclopedia: Dr. Julius Bodensieck (USA)
Report, Commission on International Affairs: Dr. O. Frederick Nolde (USA).

Friday, August 23, Plenary No. 7

Report, Commission on Stewardship and Congregational Life: Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton (USA)
Report and Discussion, Subtopics I and II
Report, Commission on Liturgy: Dr. Conrad Bergendoff (USA)

Friday, August 23, 3:00 p.m., Plenary No. 8

Report and Discussion on Subtopics III and IV
Report, Commission on Inner Missions: Pastor Willy Westergaard-Madsen (Denmark).

Saturday, August 24, Plenary No. 9

Report, Commission on Education: Rector Bjarne Hareide (Norway)
Report and Discussion on Subtopic V
Closing Formalities.

Wearing the vestments customary in their churches and singing one of the great Lutheran hymns in their native languages, delegates, official visitors, and distinguished guests will march from Central Church to the Auditorium for the opening service . . .

The Assembly Will Worship

The Assembly will open with divine worship and close with divine worship. Each day there will be an early morning prayer service and an early morning Bible study. Each plenary session will open with a brief formal service of worship. At the close of each day there will be another period of worship. Holy Communion will be celebrated each day. The entire Assembly, in short, is framed in worship of the Great Lord and Shepherd of the Church.

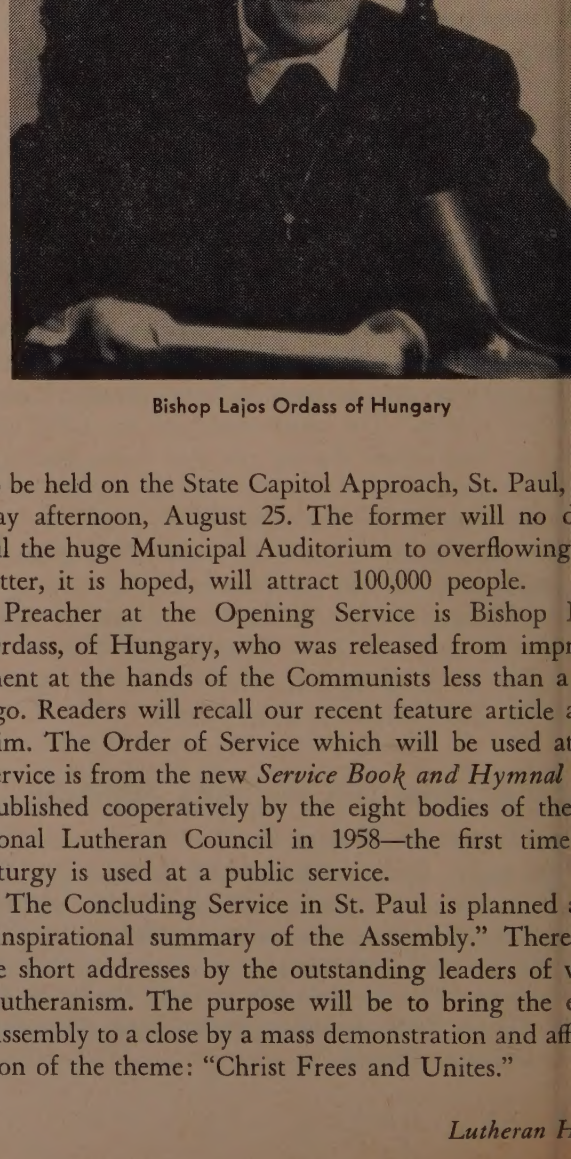
The international character of this gathering is emphasized by the variety of services of divine worship arranged for. How, to begin with, can a congregation made up of a dozen or more nationalities join in the worship of hymn singing? The answer is a hymnbook produced for the occasion—a revision of the one used at the Second Assembly at Hannover five years ago. Its name is *Laudamus,* and printing it has recently been completed in Germany. All hymns will appear in three languages, English, German, and Scandinavian. It is said that practically all those who will attend are capable of using one of those three languages.

The prayer and Bible study sessions held simultaneously each morning at 8:00 are also indicative of the general character of the Assembly. Many will prefer to attend an early morning service of the character of a prayer meeting, while others prefer emphasis on Bible study. Thus there will be a choice.

The services preceding the plenary sessions, as well as those at the close of the day, are more formal in character, reminding us that ours is a Church with a rich liturgical tradition.

The Federation is not a Church and can, therefore, not conduct services of Holy Communion. However, Central Lutheran Church has offered to be responsible for these services, which will be conducted at Central. The opening Communion service and the services on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday will be in the English language. There will be a Hungarian service Monday, German Wednesday, and Scandinavian Friday.

The two pinnacles of the Assembly will probably be the Opening Service, at the Auditorium Thursday evening, August 15, and the Concluding Festival Service,



Bishop Lajos Ordass of Hungary

to be held on the State Capitol Approach, St. Paul, day afternoon, August 25. The former will no c fill the huge Municipal Auditorium to overflowing latter, it is hoped, will attract 100,000 people.

Preacher at the Opening Service is Bishop Ordass, of Hungary, who was released from impr ment at the hands of the Communists less than a ago. Readers will recall our recent feature article him. The Order of Service which will be used at service is from the new *Service Book and Hymnal* published cooperatively by the eight bodies of the tional Lutheran Council in 1958—the first time liturgy is used at a public service.

The Concluding Service in St. Paul is planned "inspirational summary of the Assembly." There be short addresses by the outstanding leaders of Lutheranism. The purpose will be to bring the Assembly to a close by a mass demonstration and aff tion of the theme: "Christ Frees and Unites."

The Public Events

hat is the highlight of a huge event such as the nneapolis LWF Assembly will be?

or many, no doubt, it will be the "public events," the grams planned for the evenings to which the public nvited.

esides being impressive demonstrations of the strength the Lutheran Church, the public events will bring ore the Assembly the story of the Church as it is ng lived today in all parts of the world. Through messages of outstanding speakers, surrounded by pageantry of the programs, those who attend public nts will see the broad scope of their Church in the rld.

hese are the events as they are scheduled by the mmittees that have been at work for a year to make the embly meaningful to everyone who attends even one ion:

hursday, August 15: OPENING SERVICE in the nneapolis Auditorium at 8 P.M. Sermon by Bishop os Ordass of Hungary.

riday, August 16: ASSEMBLY BANQUET 7 P.M. the Leamington Hotel. Main address by Bishop Bo rtz of Sweden. All overseas delegates and official visi- are guests at the banquet. American delegates and tors are invited to purchase tickets. A limited number ickets for visitors. Greetings on the program from F. Eppling Reinartz, president of the National Lu- an Council, hosts of the evening, and Bishop Hanns e of Hannover, president of the Lutheran World leration.

aturday, August 17: MASS MEETING at 8:00 P.M. in Minneapolis Auditorium under the theme: "Our Mis- at Home in the Congregation." Speakers: Dr. rge Aus, professor of systematic theology at Luther ological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; and Dr. Rein- l von Thadden-Trieglaff, director of the "Kirchen- " Evangelical Church Rally of Germany.

Monday, August 19: MASS MEETING in the Min- polis Auditorium, 8:00 P.M. Theme: "Our Mission to the World." Speakers: Bishop Rajah B. Manikam Tranquebar, head of India's Tamil Evangelical Lu- an Church; and Dr. Fridtjov Birkeli of Norway, ctor of the LWF's department of World Mission.

uesday, August 20: MASS MEETING in the Min- polis Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. Theme: "Our Mis- to Those In Need." Speaker: Bishop Otto Dibelius of the Berlin-Brandenburg diocese. Colored slides will also tell the story of Lutheran World Service.

Wednesday, August 21: Concert by the famous St. Thomas Boys' Choir (The Thomanerchor) of Leipzig, East Germany

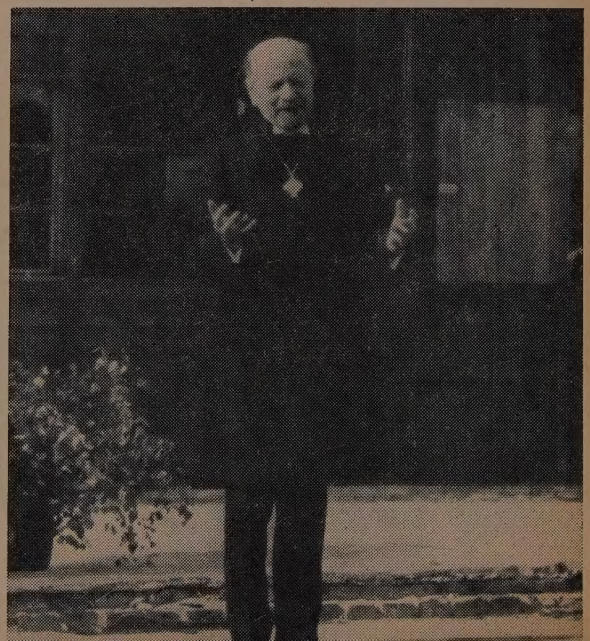
Friday, August 23: MASS MEETING in the Minneapolis Auditorium at 8:00 P.M. Theme: "Our Mission in International Affairs." Speakers will include Dr. O. F. Nolde of the United States, chairman of the LWF Commission on International Affairs, and other leaders in this field. Music by the Minneapolis Symphony and a choir of alumni of Lutheran college choirs.

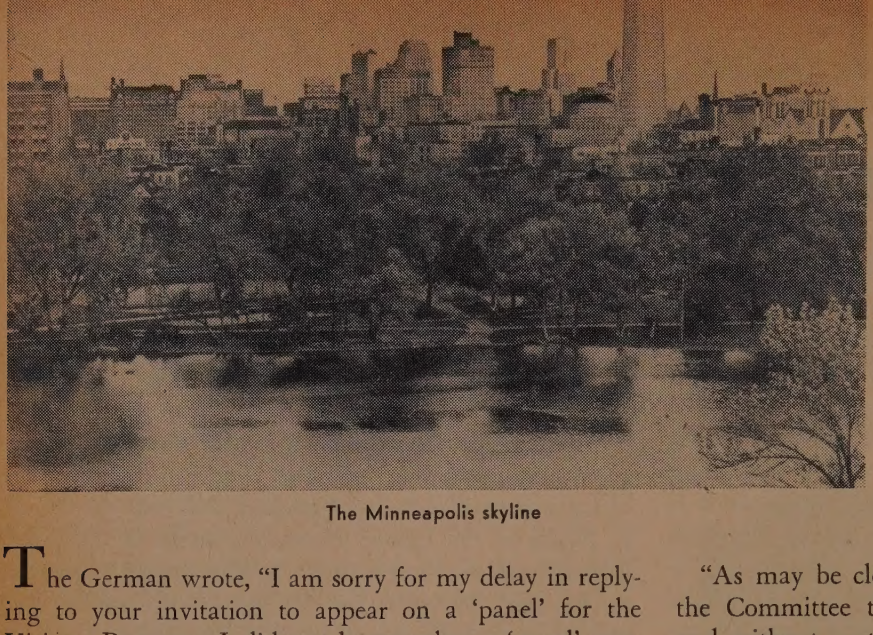
Saturday, August 24: YOUTH RALLY at 8:00 P.M. in the Parade Grounds Stadium. Speaker: Bishop Hanns Lilje.

Sunday, August 25: CONCLUDING FESTIVAL SERVICE at 4:00 P.M. on the Approach of the State Capitol Building in St. Paul. An hour's concert of band and choir music will begin at 3:00 P.M. Service will open with the colorful processional and roll call of the delegates and official visitors from the churches of the LWF. The five-part program will present the sub-themes of the assembly: Freedom in Christ, Unity in Christ, Freedom to Reform, Freedom for Service, Freedom and Unity in Hope. Some 200,000 persons can be accommodated on the capitol grounds.

There are still aspects of the public events programs to be completed, but visitors to the Assembly can be assured that these mass meetings represent the best in talent and energy that can be gathered from the Lutheran Churches of the world.

Bishop Otto Dibelius





The Minneapolis skyline

Planned especially for you — the non-official visitor . . .

The German wrote, "I am sorry for my delay in replying to your invitation to appear on a 'panel' for the Visitors Program. I did not know what a 'panel' was, but fortunately your Dr. Forell came for a visit and explained it to me." With that straightened out, the German happily accepted the invitation to appear.

In addition to the delegates and official visitors, hundreds and perhaps thousands of general visitors are expected to attend the Assembly. These visitors will be permitted to attend (by ticket) the morning Plenary Sessions and the evening Public Events.

Feeling that many of the general visitors would be attracted to a program specifically for them, the Visitors' Program Committee has planned such a program for each afternoon from two to five. The committee has asked leading churchmen from all over the world to participate in group presentations of topics which are considered significant in the contemporary situation.

Excerpts from Dr. E. Clifford Nelson's letters of invitation to the panel members give a good picture of what you can expect to hear at these programs planned especially for you—the non-official visitor to the Assembly. As you will see, the guiding principle is "No holds barred," and speakers have been chosen who will be most representative of world Lutheranism. Here is Dr. Nelson's letter:

"In order to present the topic as effectively and interestingly as possible, there will be a brief introduction by the 'moderator' or 'chairman' of the group. He in turn will introduce each of the members of his group, who will make short addresses, about ten minutes in length, on the subtopic assigned to him. The members of the group will be seated together on the platform of the auditorium. At the conclusion of the presentation, a brief discussion among the speakers will take place. Then the audience will be invited to direct questions to the speakers. The questions will be written on cards, given to ushers, screened by a committee, and then given to the moderator. He may ask one or more members of the group to address himself to the question.

"As may be clear from the above, it is the desi the Committee that the presentation be (1) info and without customary restraint (except the limit of time) and (2) purposefully question-provoking even controversial. It is felt that the issues prese the subjects themselves ought to be made clear t listeners and that difficult or embarrassing ele ought not to be avoided. The fundamental conce that Christians may be guided and helped in the r of today's tremendously complex situation . . ."

The speakers and topics are:

Church and State—August 17, 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Joseph L. Knutson, moderator
Bishop Dr. Otto Dibelius, Germany
Ekspedisjonssjef Kristian Hansson, Norway
Dr. G. Elson Ruff, USA

What is the attitude of the government toward orga Christianity—opposition, tolerance, indifference?

Is there any interference with individual Christian ship?

To what degree is the Church free to promote and trol educational, welfare and other enterprises?

To what extent is the Church, through its mem serving as "salt," a "leaven," or a "light"?

Is the Church as an institution an active force in pol and economic life?

Is there any evidence to show that the influence o Christian Church is growing?

What help, if any, can be given by Christians in countries?

Confronting Modern Man With the Gospel—August 3:00 p.m. Mr. Sam Edwins, UCA, moderator.

Generalsuperintendent D. Dr. H. G. Jacob, Germany— Lordship of Christ

The priority of the Gospel and Christian obedien each life situation.

The Rev. Franz Sianipar, Indonesia—The Stewardsh the Gospel in the Batak Church

There are unique developments in the history of Batak Church which cast light on the Christian'

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Clarence C. Stoughton, USA—Stewardship and Con-
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op Jozsef Szabo, Hungary—The Revival Movement in
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ought with respect to the revival movements in modern
angelism.

essor Joseph Sittler, USA—The Gospel in the Language
Modern Man
he necessity of communicating the Word in intelligible
nguage; an examination of conventional "religious lan-
uage" and its characteristic cliches.

ionalism and the Indigenous Church—August 20, 3:00
. Dr. Earl S. Erb, USA, moderator

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The Christian as a citizen of a country with a non-Christian or an anti-Christian Government
The place of the Church in education and medical work.

Missionsdirektor Gerhard Brennecks, Germany—The Church and Society
The Home and Foreign Mission program of the indigenous church
Denomination, national church, regional church
The church and labor movements
The church's work among servicemen
Modern ideologies—the church's attitude to Communism etc.

Inter-Church Relationships—August 21, 3:00 p.m. Dr. Bernhard J. Holm, USA, moderator

Dr. Max Lohe, Australia—Has Lutheranism a Unitive Mission?

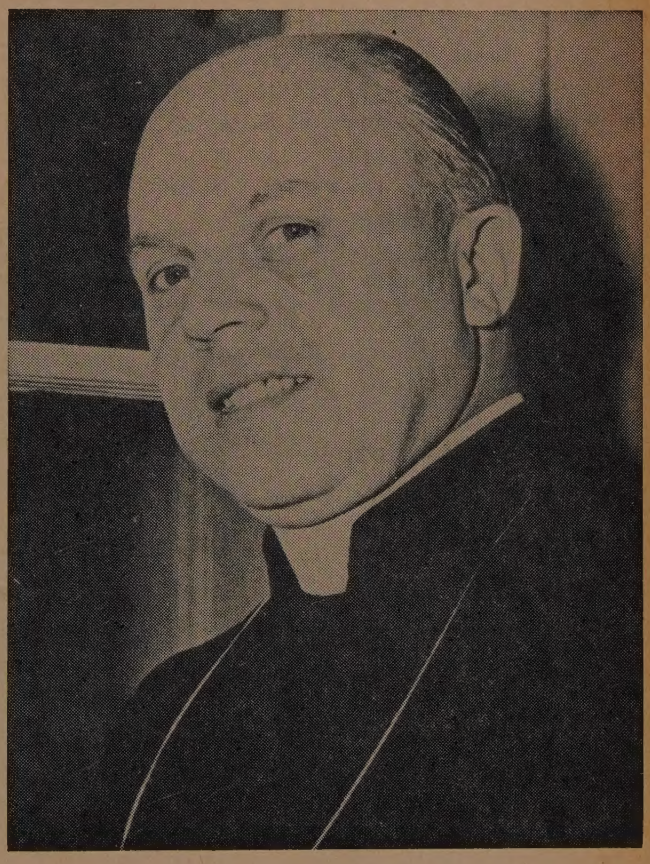
Bishop Schiler, Denmark—A Folk Church and the Question of Inter-communion

The Rev. Douglas Makhathini, South Africa—The Younger Church and Its Confession of Faith

Professor Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, USA—Catholic vs. Sectarian Confessionalism

Dr. V. A. Visser't Hooft, Switzerland—The Role of the World Council of Churches as a Medium for the Lutheran Church to Confess its Catholic Character.

Dr. Hanns Lilje



MUSIC -

The Lutheran Church is known as "the singing Church," and the Assembly Music Committee has set out to prove it. Martin Luther set the precedent when he said:

> Music is a fair and lovely gift of God which has often wakened and moved me to the joy of preaching. . . . I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. . . . Next after theology I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor. I would not exchange what little I know of music for something great. Experience proves that next to the Word of God only music deserves to be extolled as the mistress and governess of the feelings of the human heart.

At the Assembly you will have a chance to hear lectures, organ recitals, choir concerts, band music—and almost everything is free. The schedule is as follows:

Lectures

Each afternoon at 1:30 P.M., distinguished musicians and liturgists will give lectures at the Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium, 7th Street and 2nd Avenue South. The topics and speakers are:

Friday, Aug. 16—"The Theological Implications of the Liturgy," Professor Regin Prenter, Aarhus, Denmark.

Saturday, Aug. 17—"Music and Theology," Rev. K. Hofmann, Chm., Evangelical Lutheran World Conference for Church Music, Heilsbrunn, Germany; Dr. Vilmos Vajta, Director, Dept. of Theology, LWF: Dr. Hoelty-Nickel, Valparaiso University.

Monday, Aug. 19—"Why a Liturgical Service, with Emphasis on Worship?" Dr. Edgar S. Brown, Jr. Director, Dept. of Worship ULCA.

Tuesday, Aug. 20—"Contemporary Church Music in Europe," Cantor Willem Mudde, assisted by Minneapolis Madrigals, directed by Fredric Hillary of Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

Wednesday, Aug. 21—"History of the New Hymnal," Dr. E. E. Ryden, secy. of the commission on the Common Lutheran Hymnal.

Friday, Aug. 23—"The Education of the Lutheran Church Musician and the Church's Responsibility to It," Dr. Paul Ensrud, St. Olaf College.

Choir Concerts

The Lutheran colleges of the United States are justly famous for the excellence of their a cappella choirs. Visitors to the Assembly will have an opportunity to hear the following choirs in concerts given at Ce Lutheran Church, one block east of the auditorium:

Gustavus Adolphus College Choir, Philip F. Kn director—Saturday, Aug. 17, at 1:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Augsburg College Choir, Leland Sateren, direct Monday, Aug. 19, 1:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Wartburg College Choir, Edwin Liemohn, direct Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1:30 and 5:30 P.M.

St. Olaf College Choir, Olaf C. Christiansen, dir —Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Gettysburg College Choir, Parker Wagnild, direct Friday, Aug. 23, 1:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Band Concerts

The Luther College Concert Band, under the dire of Weston Noble, will play at the following even

Opening Service, Aug. 15—Processional from Ce Church to Auditorium.

Concerts from 7:30 to 8:00 in the Auditorium mediately preceding the Public Events on Aug. 1 20, and 23.

Children's Festival, Parade Stadium, Saturday, 24 at 10:00 A.M.

Youth Rally, Parade Stadium, Saturday, Aug 7:30 P.M.

Concluding Festival Service, State Capitol App Sunday, Aug. 25, 3:30 P.M.

In addition to these appearances, the Luther will appear in brief concerts in downtown Minne and St. Paul.

Dr. Vilmos Vajta, Director, Dept. of Theology LWF

he Universal Language

gan Recitals

n a recent book published in England, the organ in Minneapolis Auditorium is listed as twelfth among great organs of the world.

The following organists will give recitals at 12:30 ., and will also play for the Public Event on the listed:

at., Aug. 17—Warren Schmidt, Wartburg College
Mon., Aug. 19—Heinrich Fleischer, Valparaiso University and Rockefeller Chapel, Chicago University
Tues., Aug. 20—Luther Noss, Yale University
Wed., Aug. 21—Eiji Hashimoto, Tokyo, Japan
Fri., Aug. 23—Philip Gehring, Davidson College, Davidson, N. Carolina.

Note: A special organ concert will be given at Bethel urch (ELC) on Aug. 22 at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., by E. wer Biggs, one of America's leading organists. Mr. ggs is nationally known for his weekly organ concerts r CBS. Admission—$1.50.

usical Miscellany

The orchestra which will play at the Banquet on iday, Aug. 16, and at the International Night, Friday, g. 23, is a part of the Minneapolis Symphony—a 50-ce orchestra directed by Robert Andersen.

Jules Zabawa, soloist at the Banquet, is a St. Olaf aduate and was soloist with the St. Olaf Choir. He Minister of Music at the Lutheran Church of the formation (ULCA).

• Anthems at all Public Events will be sung by a chorus composed of alumni of Lutheran college choirs. This chorus is directed by Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen, assisted by Mr. Leland Sateren.

• At the time this issue goes to press, the St. Thomas Boys' Choir of Leipzig, Germany had not yet obtained travel visas. If the choir is allowed to come, it will make a post-Assembly tour which will include about 16 concerts in principal Lutheran centers. (For information about tickets for this Public Event, see page 693.)

• The bells in the courthouse tower will be played each noon from 12:00 to 12:30. The program each day will consist of hymns most commonly sung in the Lutheran Church.

• A 100-voice Children's Chorus will sing at the Children's Pageant on Saturday, Aug. 24. It will be directed by Ronald Nelson, Minister of Music at Westwood Church (ELC) in St. Louis Park, Minn.

• The Youth Chorus at the Youth Rally, 8:00 Saturday evening, Aug. 24, will be directed by Oscar Overby, head of the ELC Choral Union.

• A 5,000-voice choir for the Concluding Festival Service Aug. 25, directed by Dr. Henry Veld, Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill

• A liturgical choir, composed of pastors and seminarians, will sing each morning at Matins or Suffrages and for Evening Prayers (see page 682). It is under the direction of Gerhard Cartford, Luther Seminary. Paul Manz will be organist for the morning services, Ralph Strom for Evening Prayers.

rt Thomas, director, conducts a
earsal of the famed St. Thomas
ys' Choir of Leipzig, Germany.
s "Thomanerchor" is scheduled to
g a concert on Aug. 21, at 8:00
n.

What We Believe and Do

The most comprehensive physical display ever built to interpret Lutheranism will be erected for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly.

Plans for the vast exhibits have been revealed by Albert E. Anderson, sales manager of Augsburg Publishing House, who is chairman of the exhibits committee.

The exhibits will cover the entire lower level of the Minneapolis Auditorium—an area 283′ long by 120′ wide.

Exhibits will portray what members of churches belonging to LWF "believe and do" in fourteen types of work—The LWF itself, the National Lutheran Council, world missions, homeland missions, welfare or inner missions, stewardship, evangelism, educational institutions, parish education, architecture and allied arts, publications, men of the church, women of the church, and youth work

Each exhibit will occupy an area 24′x24′. Sub-committees have been working for more than a year to gather materials from all over the world. Theological motivation, historical development, as well as present activity of LWF Lutherans in each area are being worked into each unit. Brede, Inc., of Minneapolis, is building most of the units.

In addition, 50′x30′ exhibits of Lutheran contributions to church music and to religious art are being created. A 50′x20′ exhibit of Lutheran creativity in films, radio, and television is also being readied.

Extensive use of original art work characterizes sc of the exhibits. For example, Cyrus Running of C cordia College is developing eight large panels for stewardship exhibit, symbolizing what Lutherans " lieve and do" regarding God's Purpose, God's Ow ship, Man's Responsibility, Christian Vocation, M Motivation, Christian Giving, Corporate Stewards and World-Wide Stewardship.

Other exhibits are characterized by use of mechan and electrical contrivances. The homeland missions hibit has an apparatus that shows population gro and change in relation to church membership, and world missions exhibit has a huge world map wh the push of a button will show you what national ch group is active in mission work in any area on the gl

Valuable historic materials have been secured for sc exhibits. For example, the music exhibit contains hymnals, books, and manuscripts showing the deve ment of Lutheran church music.

Fifty firms and agencies which do work for Luther but are not owned by them, also have been invited exhibit. These include a group of architects, who erecting an historical exhibit portraying the Chris faith in Lutheran worship and educational structu in an area 120′x50′. Valuable examples of church ar tecture will be shown.

An Assembly bookstore, under the auspices of Lutheran Managers' Association, will contain books other items of interest to the delegates and visitors

While only a hint of what these vast and compreh sive exhibits contain is in this article, Lutherans spend hours amidst these various areas and see w the churches within LWF "believe and do."

The exhibits, which are free, will be open each of the Assembly. The grand opening is scheduled Thursday noon, August 15th.

JIM RYBERG, assistant director of ELC public relations, work the basement of his Minneapolis home on a display for the H exhibit on "what Lutherans believe and do" to be erected in Minneapolis Auditorium during the Assembly.

He is putting 17 vari-colored plexiglas models on a four-by-s foot panel to represent the 17 Lutheran church bodies in United States. The models, made in scale proportionate to the of the 1956 membership of the church bodies, range from an 18- high building representing the United Lutheran Church in Ame to a half-inch miniature for the Eielsen Synod.

The intricate exhibit is mounted on a panel of 24 switches, governing a separate circuit, to enable viewers to trace coopera relationships of the Lutheran bodies; identify the bodies that ticipate in the NLC and the LWF; find relationships such as in theran Church Productions; and understand current merger n tiations. More than 130 electric bulbs are used.

Photo by Bruce Si

Interest Groups

e you a poet? A nurse? A parish worker or a college profes-
Whatever your vocation or avocation, you're sure to find
ething to interest you in the list of noon luncheons or meet-
given below. This is a tentative and probably incomplete
ng. For complete information, reservations for luncheons and
tings, purchase of luncheon tickets, etc., go to the Interest
ups booth in the West Hall of the Auditorium.

An art exhibition featuring works of Lutherans will be held in the Minneapolis Auditorium

urday, August 17
Nurses' Buffet Luncheon and Workshop
College Professors and Educators
Diaconate Service
Women's Leadership Luncheon
Commission on Inner Missions and Executives
Men's Work Leadership Luncheon
tewardship Secretaries and Directors
Church School Workers Luncheon

nday, August 19
ural Churches
outh Leaders
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vangelism Directors and Workers

esday, August 20
Musicians' Workshop
Nurses' Buffet Luncheon and Workshop
ay Workers Institute
Commission on Inner Missions and Executives
Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Wednesday, August 21
Urban Churches
Youth Leaders
Musicians' Workshop
Parish Workers
Foreign Missionaries
Commission on Inner Missions (small group)
Poets and Hymn Writers
Stewardship Secretaries and Directors
Africans and Asiatics

Thursday, August 22
Nurses' Trip to Mayo Clinic and Rochester, Minnesota, afternoon and evening.

Friday, August 23
Musicians' Workshop
Nurses Group (if desired)
Lay Workers Institute
Commission on Inner Missions (small group)
Men's Fellowship Luncheon
Evangelism Directors and Workers

Saturday, August 24
Artists' Luncheon at Walker Art Institute
Youth Leaders (if desired)

Women i

At widely scattered points of the globe, from the Arctic to the tropics, women are preparing for their long journey across the seas to the Third Assembly in Minneapolis August 15-25. Northernmost Finland, southernmost Madagascar and 12 countries in between are sending both official and unofficial women representatives to the important 11-day gathering in the heart of American Lutheranism.

Although they come from the differing climes and contrasting cultures of Chile and Norway, India and Germany, Australia and Sweden, Brazil and Holland, Taiwan (Formosa) and Poland, Liberia and Japan, each will bring with her the deeply held faith and years of service to her church which will make her kin at once with all the other delegates and with the American hostesses who eagerly await her coming.

From Asia, Africa, the Far East

Every day plans shape up more and more as final details are worked out for hospitality, fellowship, and an enriching mutual exchange of ideas. As each name is received from Geneva, new interest and anticipation is felt.

Among the delegates will be Dr. Marthe Ramiaramanana, a physician in Madagascar, who finds time after her public health work to serve on the local church committee of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Tananarive. She speaks French, as well as her mother tongue, Malagasy, and understands English.

Mrs. Iyono Inadomi knows English well, and translates children's stories and kindergarten material for the Lutheran Literature Society of Japan. One of her five children, a daughter, is a freshman in the United States, at Roanoke (Va.) College where her deceased husband, former Pastor Hajime Inadomi, was educated. A son, a well known architect, designed the Lutheran Bible Institute in Kobe.

Mrs. Byron Traub of Monrovia, Liberia, has also been in this country when, as Margaret Stewart, she graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, over 25 years ago. Her father was a Christian, and Margaret was brought up in a mission school for girls, later going back there to teach. Wife of an ordained pastor who is a member of the Liberian cabinet working on the government's literacy program, Margaret Traub turns with equal facility from playing the organ when her husband preaches to assisting him in his government work. Parents of several children and adoptive parents of several more, the Traubs have one of "the finest Christian homes you could find anywhere in the world."

Rajeswari Teli, daughter of Pastor Matthew Teli, entered a Lutheran elementary school in South India when she was eight years old. Today she is head mistress of the fine large Iowa High School at Repalle, founded with money sent by Iowa Lutheran women some 40 years ago and now attended by 400 Indian girls.

From Behind the Iron Curtain

From behind the Iron Curtain comes Mrs. Dezsö Wiczian, wife of a pastor in Budapest, Hungary, and Mrs. Irena Heintze, from Warsaw, Poland. Mrs. Heintze was a student of theology for five years preceding the war, has worked as a youth leader and teacher of religion, and has acted as secretary to the bishop and consistory as well as replacing the pastor "in his absence." She edits her church paper, *Straznica Ewangeliczna.*

Frau Armgard von Alvensleben, who manages the Bahnhofsmission giving aid to travelers in both East and West Germany, travels continuously back and forth between the two zones. Long active in religious youth groups and religious social work, the former abbess of an evangelical convent and superintendent of its school for girls, Frau von Alvensleben speaks French and English in addition to German. She has traveled in Palestine and Egypt as well as in Europe and recently addressed the World's Young Women's Christian Association in Lausanne in both English and German.

When her home was bombed and the war claimed both her brother her husband, a student pastor at nich University, Frau Liselotte N turned her volunteer work with tion homes for working mothers a life profession. Now she is respon for training the staff and for organization of six mothers' rest h and finds time besides to take th sponsibility for the Lutheran publis house, Laetare Verlag. She edits phlets which provide material f great part of the Lutheran wom work in Germany.

The youngest delegate of all is M von Reiswitz, a 23-year-old del from Chile. When she was 12 old, Maria fled as a refugee Saxony halfway across the wor Santiago, where she has learned ish and English and now works secretary. She is an interested me of the youth work of her church is very much interested, too, i missionary work in East Asia be her aunt, Ursula von Reiswitz, missionary in Japan.

Three Women from Germany

The temptation is to tell eac story because every woman com outstanding. Only a few can be tioned here and real acquaintanc have to wait until the World Asse Several opportunities will be pr at Minneapolis to meet with f women visitors, and other me will be arranged before and aft Assembly.

Three prominent German w visitors will speak at a series of re theological conferences and speci lies to be held both before and the World Assembly. Frau Nold has already been mentioned, i speaker. Another is Erna Lilje of Bishop Hanns Lilje of Ha president of the LWF. Frau L on the board of the Muettergen werk and is active in visiting for older women and other insti

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nected with the evangelical women's rk in the Church of Hannover, be- es helping Bishop Lilje entertain merous church officials.

Frau Helga Krummacher also has isted her husband, Bishop Frederick ilhelm Krummacher of Pomerania, his work ever since their marriage. ther of seven children and proud ndmother, too, Frau Krummacher en acted as "vicar" for pastorless ngregations during the war. After shop Krummacher returned from ssian imprisonment, she trained dly needed catechists for seven years East Berlin, and later directed the minar for Church Service in West rlin. At present she is running a urch school in Greifswald, where e has trained 50 young girls as cate- ists, church musicians, and helpers the congregations.

What Is Being Planned . . .

Not to overwhelm overseas friends the beginning, a comparatively nall reception and tea will be held r them on Wednesday afternoon, ugust 14, at Bethlehem Lutheran hurch (ELC). Wives of the LWF xecutive committee and of church ody presidents, together with five omen chosen from each church body omen's organization, will attend.

On Saturday, August 17, a leader- ip luncheon and workshop will be eld at the Hotel Leamington for all omen interested in promoting wom- n's work in the church. Tickets are 2 and may be had by sending a self- ddressed stamped envelope with check r money order to Miss Alice C. Sanne, 22 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis 15, Minn. There will be discussion of such uestions as: What are your goals in omen's work? What methods are sed in achieving these goals? What rogress has been made? What are our plans for the future?

The really big women's event at the Assembly is a gigantic luncheon at the Hotel Leamington Tuesday noon, August 20. From one to two thousand women are expected to be present, and all foreign women guests will be presented.

To establish warm personal ties between overseas and American women, and to further a sharing of experiences, activities, and interests, a number of luncheons will be served in Twin City homes and churches.

(1) For those who were not able to get tickets for the luncheon at Hotel Leamington, Tuesday noon, August 20, special luncheons will be served in homes of Minneapolis Lutheran women.

(2) Overseas women; official delegates; the ten special women guests, each representing a different country, brought here by the Coordinating Committee; and the official visitors will be guests of honor at luncheons held in various Lutheran churches Friday noon, August 23.

(3) To give an opportunity for the American women to become better acquainted with our friends from overseas, small groups will be entertained in homes of Minneapolis women, Monday noon, August 19, and Wednesday noon, August 21.

Transportation will be provided, and guests will be returned to the Auditorium in time for the Visitors' Programs. All women visitors are invited to attend one of these luncheons, but reservations must be in not later than August 1 to Mrs. T. G. Overson, 3829 10th Ave. S., Minneapolis 7, Minn. State first and second choices of dates. Reservations should be picked up at the Hospitality Booth in West Hall of the auditorium.

Special Services

The Minneapolis hostesses are planning many other special services for delegates and official visitors. Every delegate is being invited to homes in this area for dinner on both Sundays. A coffee table for speakers will be provided near the stage of the auditorium. What's more, the women of the Twin Cities will serve coffee to all 800 delegates and official visitors at each session—and they plan to do it within ten minutes!

At the Hospitality Booth adjacent to the Information Booth in West Hall of the auditorium, the women will be ready to provide interpreters and guides for shopping tours, or whatever other services might be needed. If you want information about any phase of the Assembly, this is the place to go. If they don't have the information, they will know where to get it.

These are only a few of the plans that the women of Minneapolis and St. Paul are making for both official and non-official visitors. Their main concern is that you will feel welcome at the Assembly.

Post-Assembly Plans

About one-tenth of all delegates and official visitors are women—16 of them are voting delegates. To bring women representatives from countries not sending women delegates and to give American women the opportunity of enriching fellowship with more women from other lands, a special Lutheran Women's Co-ordinating Committee has been formed to provide funds and invite and entertain additional women. Women's organizations have contributed $20,000, and ten special women guests from as many countries are coming to the World Assembly.

The Co-ordinating Committee is working now to arrange a series of 12 post-Assembly women's rallies over the country. These will give further opportunities for exchange. Foreign visitors will bring messages from their home church women and in turn will have the experience of living in American homes, observing community activities in America, parish operations, and some of the institutional work of the church-at-large—colleges, homes for the aged, homes for children, and so on.

Christ Frees and Unites

The Children of the Worl

Leaders of the Assembly felt that children of chu school age should have a chance to share in the g gathering of world Lutheranism. A Children's Page is therefore being planned for Saturday morning, Aug 24, at 10 A.M. in the Parade Stadium. Admission is f

The pageant is built around the theme, "Christ F and Unites the Children of the World." It will feat a parade of colorful floats depicting scenes of chu life and activity from representative Federation co tries around the world. These floats, mounted on tr

platforms and drawn by cars, will serve as stages for various scenes presented. A painted backdrop will complete the stage setting in each instance.

Among the scenes to be presented are an African bush school, a first Communion in divided Germany, a New Guinea tribal council, many nationalities in South America around a creche, Scandinavian children singing, a child-feeding station in Palestine, and a medical unit in China. Participating in the program will be a Children's Choir of 100 voices and the band from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Children in the audience will unite in group singing of familiar hymns.

For weeks ahead, church school children from a dozen congregations in the Twin Cities have been planning and building their pageant floats under the supervision of a central advisory committee. Children from among the six hundred congregations within a one-hundred-mile radius of the Twin Cities will be rehearsing songs which will be sung by the audience in the stands of the parade grounds. Many congregations are studying the possibility of chartering buses to bring a delegation of their children to view and take part in the pageant.

A multitude of young children—from primary through confirmation age—may thus experience something of the significance of being a part of the world-wide Lutheran Assembly.

group of 57 arriving from Europe in-
e 7 from East Germany; 18 from West
many; 3 from Austria; 6 from Denmark;
om Finland; 2 from Holland; 2 from
ce; 1 from England; 2 from Iceland; 1
Italy; 4 from Norway; and 8 from
den.

Lutheran Youth of the World

xty-six Lutheran young people from
ountries of Europe, Asia and South
erica—believed to be the largest
ıp of overseas Lutheran youth ever
visit the U.S.—are scheduled to
ıd the summer in this country.
he youth, ranging in age from 18
he late 20's and including students,
ıers, nurses, teachers and clergy-
, will spend ten weeks traveling
ugh the country as guests of Ameri-
Lutheran youth organizations.
y are being brought here under
ices of the Lutheran World Feder-
n.
he majority of the group, 57 youth
ı Europe and Scandinavia, arrived
chartered plane from Paris on
19. A second group of six youth
ı Australia and one from India ar-
d in San Francisco on June 17.
students from Chile, also came
New York by plane on June 14;
three students from Holland and
mark will arrive at a later date.
he group will be divided into
elling teams of two or three per-
—each from a different country—
will spend the first ten weeks,
ugh the end of July, touring the
as guests of local Lutheran church
h groups. August 5-11 they will
with an equal number of Ameri-
youth at the Lutheran Memorial
ıp at Onamia, Minnesota for a
of serious study and discussion
ıe Federation Assembly at Minne-
is.
r the six days immediately follow-
the conclusion of the Assembly on
ust 25, the overseas group, along
an estimated 600 Americans, will attend the annual "ashram" of the Lutheran Student Association of America, August 25-31, to be held on the campus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. They are scheduled to return to points of embarkation in New York and San Francisco about September 13 and leave a few days later.

In most of the communities the overseas guests, during their ten-week sightseeing tour, will be guests of American families—with special efforts being made to choose those with a son or daughter the approximate age of the visitor.

Typical of the tours is that planned for Renate Stockhausen, 18, a student from Eisenach, in the province of Thuringia, East Germany, and Gertrud Nussler, 20, also a student, who comes from the village of Mistelbach, near the city of Bayreuth in West Germany.

They will start the tour in New York, spending three days sight-seeing at the United Nations, Rockefeller Center and other points of tourist interest. Their schedule then takes them to Baltimore, Md., for one day which includes a visit to a local automobile factory and the Martin Aircraft Corporation, with tentative plans for a stop-over at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. The remainder of the itinerary includes Pittsburgh, Pa., Buffalo, N. Y., with a side-trip to Niagara Falls, Canton and Youngstown, O., and other stops through the Middle West.

Schedules will be kept flexible to allow the young people to sight-see in areas of special interest to them. He said special attention will be given to helping them get a picture of Lutheran church life here through attendance at young people's meetings, conferences, and worship services in local churches. In addition, most of them will also attend a number of summer conferences scheduled by national Lutheran youth groups.

Overseas youth participating have been chosen by the pastor of their home church and approved by both the director of youth work and the bishop of their Church. In most cases their own church will pay a portion of the travel expenses, with the remainder underwritten by the Lutheran World Federation. While here, their expenses will be paid by the U.S. host groups.

The Youth Weekend

On Friday night, August 23, the young people from overseas and the American youth will begin their "Youth Weekend" at the Assembly by attending the Friday night Public Event. Saturday morning they will listen together to the Plenary Session. They will march together in the downtown parade Saturday afternoon.

The Youth Rally at the Parade Stadium at 8:00 Saturday evening, August 24, is expected to be the largest Lutheran Youth gathering ever held in America. Speaker for the event is Bishop Hanns Lilje, president of the LWF, who is well known to American Lutheran youth because of his appearances at Luther League conventions in 1953. His topic is Christ Makes Youth More Than Free!"

It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience for young people; you are invited!

Miscellany

Fishing, Baseball and Weather

It's not going to be all work and no play for delegates and official visitors to the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation here this summer.

Those who aren't Minnesotans are going to receive free out-of-state fishing licenses, according to Dr. Paul Luther Wetzler, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the first international conclave of Lutherans ever held in America.

"I'm not handing you a line," he told the committee. "This is an official announcement. By courtesy of the State Department of Conservation, the usual $5.00 fee for visiting fishermen is being waived."

Pressed to disclose which of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes offer the best prospects for catching the state's famed wall-eye pike and large-mouth bass, Dr. Wetzler said such information was classified and confidential and would be divulged only to the delegates and official visitors who fancy themselves as Izaak Waltons.

"Naturally," he added, "we expect our guests to make use of this privilege only during their free time when events of the Assembly are not scheduled."

"That," observed another committee member after a quick study of the round-the-clock program planned for the Assembly, "will be four A.M. or thereabouts."

Asked if free tickets would also be available for local baseball games, Dr. Wetzler said he was sure passes could be obtained for the afternoons the Assembly is not in session.

The Minneapolis Millers, farm club of the New York Giants, are slated to play at home during the Assembly. The team's spanking new stadium in suburban Bloomington is regarded as one of the finest ball parks in the country.

"It's even air-conditioned," Dr. Wetzler reported proudly. "There's always a fan in every seat."

In a virtuoso display of versatility, the popular pastor of Salem English Lutheran Church here switched from fishing and baseball to his specialty as a long-range weather prognosticator.

Skies will be sunny and fair, he predicted, for the duration of the 11-day meeting, August 15-25. He said the forecast was based on an intricate formula worked out from the Old Farmer's Almanac and his own arcane findings.

"If you're right," quipped a committee member," we'll call you Dr. Drysler." A model of the Weatherball that dominates the Minneapolis skyline from the Northwestern National Bank was presented to Dr. Wetzler. The huge ball flashes white, red or green to apprise the public of changes in the weather.

Housing—

There are still dormitory rooms and rooms in private homes available, as well as a few hotel and motel accommodations. If you cannot make private arrangements for housing, write: Mr. Millard Evensen, LWF Assembly fice, 701-2nd Ave. So., Minneapo Minn. State the approximate ages and number of persons in your p together with the exact dates for w you want housing.

For these you need no tickets—

Opening Service
Concluding Festival Service
Morning worship services
Visitors Programs
All musical events (excep Thomas Boys' Choir and E. P Biggs Organ Recital)
Exhibts
Children's Pageant
Youth Rally

For these you need tickets or r vations—but they're free—

Public events on Aug. 17, 19 and 23
Women's luncheons in homes churches

For these you have to pay—

Plenary Sessions, $1.00 per sessi
St. Thomas Boys' Choir Conc $1.00, $1.50, $2.00
Banquet—$7.50 (includes cost o ners for overseas delegates an ficial visitors)
E. Power Biggs Recital—$1.50
Interest groups—cost of luncheo
Women's Leadership Luncheo $2.00

How to get tickets—

Write to the Assembly Office Second Ave. So., Minneapolis 2, M for: Plenary Session, Public E Banquet, St. Thomas Boys' Choi

For reservations for women's l eons in homes and churches, to Mrs. T. G. Overson, 3829 Ave. So., Minneapolis 7.

For Women's Leadership Lunc send $2.00 and a self-addresse velope to Miss Alice Sanne, at headquarters.

For Interest groups luncheon to Interest Groups Booth in West of Auditorium.

For E. Power Biggs Recital admission fee at Bethel Lut Church, 42nd St. and 17th Ave Minneapolis.

The pictures in this Youth Exhibit are so alive, it's hard to tell which are exhibitors and which exhibit. There are three youth leaders in the picture—count 'em.

EDITORIAL

ord, Open Our Eyes"

his evening I have been leafing through a volume
came from the bindery here at Augsburg Publish-
House only today. Its title: *Lutheran Churches of
World*. The title page announces that it is published
er the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation.
s is not going to be a review of the book; I have
read it yet. It is, however, a book which will at-
t much interest in Lutheran circles just now, on
eve of the Third Assembly of the LWF, and I am
l that it is advertised in this, our special LWF issue
LUTHERAN HERALD.

World-wide Church

lere is a list of those who have written the various
ions of the book—and at once one is confronted
the world-wide character of Lutheranism: The
eword is by an American, true, but one who in the
ld-Lutheran picture is rather an internationalist.
e man is from Central Europe, another from Scan-
avia. Next a Hungarian, writing about Lutheran
nority" Churches. Then another American, writing
ut his special field, which is Latin America. An-
er American, and he writes about Lutheranism in
rth America. Then an Indian, whose subject is
a. Finally, a Norwegian, and his subject is Luther-
sm in Africa.

ight authors, of six nationalities, writing about seven
as of the world—in all of which Lutheranism plays a
nificant part in spiritual life. A world-wide Church,
eed, this Church to which you and I belong.

Next I turn to the section on the Lutheran Churches
North America. There I pause longer, because here
ething crystallizes which is becoming of increasing
portance as the Assembly comes closer and closer.
nd myself pausing to re-read the closing paragraph
he section:

The Third Assembly of the Federation for the first
e brings a gathering of world Lutheranism to
th America. For many this will be a keenly antici-
d experience; and to them it promises to bring
insight and commitment to the task which God
es before His people. Many already know such
ers as Hanns Lilje, Bishop of Hannover and presi-
of the Federation; Anders Nygren, Bishop of
d, the Federation's former leader; as well as Carl E.
d-Quist, the able American executive secretary and
essor to Michelfelder. Yet, as Michelfelder always
ted, 'The Lutheran World Federation is not an aggregation of select individuals. It is all of us.' For America's seven million Lutherans, and for the 70 million throughout this anxious world, the Minneapolis theme is both a testimony and a call to action: 'Christ Frees and Unites.' "

One Million Among Seventy Million

A paragraph studded with attention-compelling words and expressions and phrases: "A keenly anticipated experience"; "fresh insight"; "commitment": "the task which God places before His people"; "not an aggregation of select individuals"; "it is all of us"; "America's seven million Lutherans"; "this anxious world"; "a testimony"; "a call to action."

"America's seven million." But the mind compresses that. Rather, "The Evangelical Lutheran Church's one million." For that, after all, is "the Church we love," and the Church we know best. No one will cry "selfishness" if, on these pages, greatest concern is expressed for that little group for whom these words are written. How about that million—a group which centers exactly where the Assembly is to meet, a group which has better opportunity than any other Lutheran group in the world to share directly in the Assembly?

Are we in The Evangelical Lutheran Church ready for the Assembly? Do we understand what it is all about? We need to pray, "Lord, open our eyes!"

Wanted—Spiritual Blessing

There is much spiritual blessing to be gained for us through the fact that we are so close to the Assembly. The very theme itself places the entire meeting on a spiritual plane. "Christ Frees and Unites"—words which seem almost trite because of their familiarity. But they will not be trite at the Assembly. Not when many of those who are discussing the theme are people who long ago learned the hard way that the only power to free is the spiritual power of Christ, that His is a freedom which transcends the bonds and imprisonment which men have imposed upon them.

And "unitedness" in Christ—what is that? Here is a man whose language you do not understand, whose customs are different from yours, perhaps whose very dress seems to set him apart from you. And, remember, you are just as strange in his eyes as he is in yours. Yet you learn that you are one—united in Christ.

Let us imagine that you sit side by side at one of the morning prayer services. You share a hymnbook, the

official hymnbook of the Assembly, *Laudamus*. And you sing together; you may not understand the words he is singing, nor he yours. Yet it is the same hymn. Or you are near him at some plenary session. You discover that your faith is the same, your hopes are the same, and yes, your fears, too. What unites you? Christ, of course. And you remember the words of Paul, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

A Sense of Commitment

Out of that will grow, I hope, a new sense of commitment for us American Lutherans. I wonder if we have not been inclined to be too proud of ourselves because of all we have done—or think we have done—in the Kingdom. Money by the millions we have poured out—true. Churches and parish houses and institutions by the thousands we have built—granted. But what do we know about the full surrender needed to face what so many of these brothers and sisters we now meet have faced and will face again when they return to their homes? Perhaps we can learn things we did not know about the cost of discipleship. Perhaps God will open our eyes to see depths of consecration we have never seen before.

"Fresh insight"—that is another expression used in the book we quoted from. Insight into what? That depends. We hope that there will be new insight into what the Federation is attempting to do. It is the focal point, the rallying force, if you please, for the vast majority of the seventy million Lutherans in the world today. It has made contact with every Lutheran Church in all the world and has intimate relations with most of them. Not all are members, and not all will be represented here in August. But most of them will be. The member Churches, of course, will have delegates present. And all the others have been invited to send visitors, observers.

Maturity Will Be Needed

There will no doubt be things about the Assembly which will puzzle many of us. It will require maturity to keep the proper perspective. On the great principles of our faith, the Assembly will find itself united. However, it is not impossible that in matters of applying that faith there will be decided differences of opinion. It should be a most salutary experience for us Americans to be subjected to the give and take of discussion and debate which embraces the viewpoints of Lutherans from all over the world.

One such point of possible disagreement we should give some thought to in advance of the Assembly. That is the relationship of the Federation to Lutheran Churches in Communist countries, Churches behind the Iron Curtain, in other words. There are several f to that subject.

First, there is no doubt whatever but that the of heroes of the faith is filled with names of men w true greatness became apparent in the struggle ag Communism. The names of Ordass and Dibelius to mind, but they are only two of many. I wo how we Americans, who, frankly, do not know meaning of persecution for the sake of our faith, react to men like that. It should be a maturing and bling experience to hear them, see them, mingle them.

It is equally certain that there will be men pr whose ideology is far, far from ours, represent of Churches which are obviously supported by munist regimes. It is quite probable that the rela the Federation should maintain with such Chu will be a burning issue. There is definite differen opinion among the leaders of the Federation on point, and it may not be too easy for us to under all that is involved.

Let it be clearly understood that the majority o Lutheran Churches in Iron Curtain countries have true to the faith—even at great cost. It is not to suc refer. And as for the representatives of the others— at the worst, they will be a discordant note, alb very weak one, at the Assembly. It is a note which not disturb us in the least.

So It Is Our Assembly

I hope that our readers will study this issue It represents the effort of the staff of Lutheran H to give in condensed form the information need prepare people for the Assembly, and to mak features of the Assembly program understandable.

How many of the members of The Evangelica theran Church will actually attend the Assembl have, of course, no way of knowing. Some wi present for the whole Assembly; of that we are They will be well rewarded. Many more will com one, or two, or several days. We recommend that study the program carefully so as to choose the which seem to them to offer the most. The great jority, of course, will not be able to attend and have to receive their information and form their opi "secondhand."

The important thing to keep in mind that, in case, this is *our* Assembly. To quote Dr. Michelf again, the Federation itself is "all of us." The majority of us have never attended or been in contact with an international Lutheran Assembly b and we will never again have the opportunity. T our one opportunity to rub elbows with the Chur which we are a part, on its world-wide basis. L make use of the opportunity!

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Epistle: Romans 3:21-31

The Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19

Monday, July 22
KEEP THIS IN MIND

Read Romans 6:3-11

So you also must consider yourselves ad to sin and alive to God in Christ us.

One thing about being a Christian is you have to keep remembering whose are. And because you know you were le Christ's in baptism, you have to remembering what you are. You are nner saved by grace.

That means that you are more aware sin and its damage, and you avoid rting temptations that lead you into It also means that you put a high ue on the grace of God.

This knowing must be made a constant membrance. The dust of life has a way settling on everything, including Chris-ns. And if it isn't blown away by ans of daily prayer, the use of the ord, and rededication to life in Him, it l soon have its deadly way.

"Consider yourselves dead to sin and ve to God in Christ Jesus."

Keep me mindful, O God, of my new in Thee. Amen.

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Tuesday, July 23
WHEN ALL IS RIGHT

Read Matthew 5:20-26

"First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Jesus made it clear that we cannot be right with our Father in heaven unless we are right with our brothers and sisters on earth. Sacrifices made by forgiving hands rise no higher than the eyes can see.

Conscience should be our faithful guide at this point. If there is "something" wrong between ourselves and another, our conscience will whisper: "Why do you think God will hear your prayer when you are on the 'outs' with your neighbor?" Or it will say, "How can that gift you are giving to charity possibly be blessed when you are feuding with your partner in business?" The Christian conscience simply will not be downed.

But thank God for that! By experience you know there is no better feeling than to be all right with God and with your fellows. And to have this feeling by reason of forgiveness, is to be in tune with the Spirit of Jesus whose whole life was a sacrifice of love.

I, too, can know what that is.

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Wednesday, July 24
THE ANSWER

Read Romans 3:21-31

Whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

There are many answers offered, of course, but only one is correct. The question is this: How are you saved?

One says, "I do the best I can to be good. I avoid the seven cardinal sins, I try to behave with kindness toward everyone. I am generous with what I have, and especially careful to help the needy."

Another says, "I'm human, and God knows it. He was here once Himself and knows that mistakes are a part of living in this world. He didn't make any mistakes Himself, but He saw that everybody else was guilty. So God won't hold anything against me."

Says a third, "I trust God's grace alone in Jesus Christ. I am justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. I trust Him because I am human and full of sin which God forgives only because of what I believe Christ has done for me. Because of this I do my best to be good."

Which of these answers is yours? Which answer are you displaying in your life?

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Thursday, July 25
A CHILD

Read Matthew 18:1-14

And calling to him a child, he put n in the midst of them.

Jesus loved children. Some of the most der passages in the New Testament ve to do with children. It was their th, their purity and innocence that loved. Here on this occasion, He inted to a child as an example for all ople. If they would enter the Kingdom heaven let them become as one of se.

How much we need to pray that God ll make us childlike and keep us that y! Growing up is often death to the rit God seeks in us. We are expected leave childhood behind, but its faith d purity and good spirit we must take th us into even the last of our years. How can we do this? Let faith be elf. Why should we be wise above what written in the Word? Trust God. Why believe that He will keep His promises? a friend. Why not accept people for at they are, and be helpful to them? happy. Why not be filled with glee, t like a child, under the loving, watch-care of the Father?

Friday, July 26
"SHOW ME"

Read James 2:8-17

So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

A grandmother was remarking about two of her grandsons, now grown. She told the pastor that in a way she felt bad about them because they were inactive in the church. And inactive they were, for the pastor, despite his attempts to get acquainted with his flock, could never get near these two men. "But," she added, with a sigh, "I'm glad that they were baptized and confirmed."

By this she meant that since they were children of God, that's all that mattered. What sort of life they were living did not seem to make any difference!

The wrongness of this sort of thinking is so plain to see that it seems pointless even to recite it. But James is driving home the same truth: Faith alone brings salvation; but it is exceedingly doubtful if you have faith if it does not show up in works.

Now then, take a look at yourself. Are you *doing* anything? Or are you letting it go with simply saying, "I believe?" If you believe, show it.

Saturday, July 27
SPEAK FORTH HIS PRAISE

Read Matthew 5:27-37

"Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

We talk more than we think. Who knows how many words we speak in a day? And we sin more than we realize with our words.

Jesus, who aimed to apply faith to life, realized full well that in the area of speech, our communicating with one another, His Spirit should also prevail.

He did not mean that all we could say was "Yes" and "No." But He did say that what we said should be as clear as that. No "middle ground," no "half-truths," no "white lies." It is not always easy to stay clear of these worldly devices, but it is Christian.

With our words to our fellowmen we may glorify God. "Speak the truth is love," says Paul. Speak words of praise and encouragement to those about you and thus add self-confidence to their self-esteem.

There are many good things we can do with our words. God help us to choose them carefully, and use them right.

THE CHURCH in Today's World

Merger Reported Slow

Delegates to the 98th annual synod meeting of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha in June were cautioned not to expect too speedy a consummation of the proposed union they are negotiating with three other Lutheran Churches. Dr. Malvin Lundeen, vice president of the Church and also chairman of the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity of the four negotiating bodies, said the merger "will not come as quickly," as 1960 or 1961 because "we want to make sure that what we do will have meaning for the uniting church, for American Lutheranism, and for the Christian Church."

Dr. Karl E. Mattson, president of Augustana Theological Seminary, predicted that the merger would not be consummated until 1964 or 1965. He said that he was "enthusiastic" over the prospects for success, but warned that "there are many problems ahead of us."

The proposed merger includes Augustana, the United Lutheran Church in America, the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church or Suomi Synod, and the American Evangelical Lutheran Church. In reporting on this merger, Dr. Mattson pointed out that channels will be kept open with Augustana's sister Churches in the former American Lutheran Conference—the American, Evangelical, Free and United Evangelical Lutheran Churches, who are negotiating a merger expected to be consummated in 1960.

In other actions, the Augustana synod:

Authorized the calling of a director of higher education to coordinate the activities of its five colleges.

Approved the long-range cooperative parish education program which has begun with the seven other churches of the National Lutheran Council.

Adopted a 13-point procedure for funeral arrangements by local churches and pastors.

Established a common investment fund which will enable conferences and churches to pool resources for investment purposes.

Reaffirmed interest in current negotiations toward the establishment of an inter-Lutheran church college in California.

Refused to surrender the right of the convention to determine when and where the annual conventions are to be held. After spirited debate a proposal to put this decision in the hands of the church's executive council was defeated by a vote of 177 to 175.

Established a bureau of press, radio and television to become effective Feb. 1, 1958.

Sanctioned the right of women to pursue studies at Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island, Ill.

New Denomination Created

A new Protestant denomination—United Church of Christ—was cre in Cleveland, Ohio last month. It c into existence as the result of the m ing of the General Council of the gregational Christian Churches and Evangelical and Reformed Church.

A constitution for the new Ch still is to be written, adhering "basis of union" already agreed u and subject to approval by two-t of the individual congregations of denomination. Until then, the two nominations will continue as sep entities although a synod of the U Church will meet biennially.

The merger marks the first tim American Protestantism that two nominations with different form government have united. Congrega alism always has emphasized the dependence and autonomy of the church. The E and R Church ope under a presbyterian system in w local congregations have certain fined relationships to regional and tional bodies called synods.

The historic moment of union curred when 714 church leaders, of them representing the Cong tional Christian Churches and hal Evangelical and Reformed Chu voted to become one body and s their merger with a prayer.

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MASS ORTHODOX BAPTISM—Fifty Moslems were baptized into the Greek Orth Church by Metropolitan Alexander of Verria, Macedonia, and 20 priests, at a ceremony in the river in the village of Aghia Kyriaki. Among the Moslems converte a young school teacher of the village were 40 men and 10 women and children.

unison they said: "We do now re ourselves to be one body and union consummated . . . in the e of the Father, and of the Son, of the Holy Ghost, Amen."

eceding the uniting ceremony, was a colorful procession of chmen robed in their vestments. ching with Congregational Chris- and Evangelical and Reformed ers were fraternal delegates repre- ng thirty other Protestant denomi- ons as well as officials of the Na- l and World Councils of Churches. he merger consummated by the ing convention was in the making 17 years. A basis of union was oted by the Congregational Chris- Churches and the Evangelical and ormed Church in 1948. Merger was yed, however, by litigation initiated 1950 by the Cadman Memorial rch of Brooklyn, N. Y., which con- ed the right of the denomination's eral Council to effect it. The Brook- church was supported by the Com- tee for the Continuation of Con- gational Christian Churches.

On the eve of the uniting synod e a new suit was filed in United tes District Court in New York four Congregational Christian rches and a number of laymen and isters opposed to the union.

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Family reunions are not an uncom- n thing in the Lokensgard family, in t they are an annual affair.

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e Named 4-H President

An 18-year-old St. Olaf college sopho- re who combines a host of talents various fields has been named presi- t of the entire Minnesota 4-H eration during the recent state 4-H vention in St. Paul. He is Karle ckson of Rush City, Minn. Karle voted into office by delegates rep- nting 48,000 4-H members through- the state. The event was the annual lership conference at the University Minnesota.

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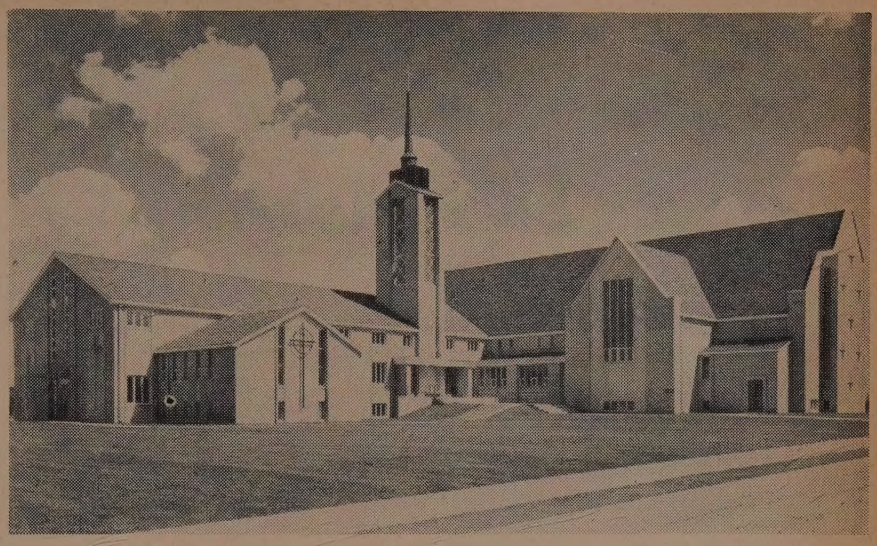

Minnesota Church Dedicates New Plant

A series of special services which ran throughout the month of June appropriately dedicated the new $450,000 church, chapel, and parish education building of Our Redeemer's Church in Benson, Minnesota.

On June 2, the congregation held its last service in the old church and marched in procession to hold the first service in its new edifice. Later that afternoon three Seminary graduates were ordained into the ministry. June 9 was confirmation day in the new church in the morning, and in the evening a concert was presented by the four choirs of the congregation. The next Sunday morning, certificates were presented to 27 graduates of the high school Bible department of Our Redeemer's Sunday School and in the evening the first Communion service was held in the new church.

Actual dedication day came on June 23 when Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of the **Lutheran Herald,** preached at the morning worship. Afternoon dedicatory services were conducted by Dr. A. E. Hanson, president of the Northern Minnesota district. Pastors of the church are the Rev. Harold Nasheim and the Rev. Robert L. Sorenson.

Our Redeemer's is the result of the merger in 1950 of two congregations, both of Benson: Immanuel and Our Savior's.

The new church seats 850, with overflow space for 125. Facilities in the parish education unit provide for 45 classes, a recreation room, a fellowship hall, and church offices. Architects were Thorson, Thorson and Madson of Forest City and Waterloo, Iowa.

Can Ministers Aid Alcoholics?

Too many ministers shy away from the job of helping alcoholics, the executive director of the Oregon Council of Churches told a state-wide meeting of Protestant clergyman studying alcoholism. Dr. Mark A. Talney of Portland said most clergymen are "afraid and reluctant to become involved" with problem drinkers because "they lack understanding of the true nature and problems of alcoholism, and are not sufficiently trained to counsel or advise."

"Most ministers are not even acquainted with the public and private resources and agencies available to help alcoholics in their own communities," he said. The ministers from all over the state, plus a few theological students, attended a two-day clinic at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem. They heard lectures and engaged in discussions on psychological, medical, and spiritual aspects of drinking.

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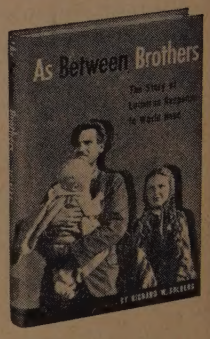

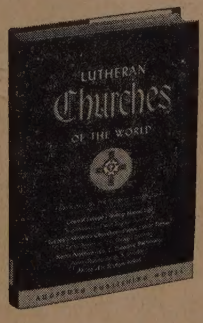

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